GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
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WHO NORMS FOR HEALTHCARE INFRASTRUCTURE
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether World Health Organisation (WHO) has specified norms of five beds per 1,000 population as reported in the `Times of India` dated December 28S 2006;

(b) if so, the details of the facts reported therein;

(c) the existing availability of beds in the Government Hospitals in the rural as well as in the urban areas in the country; and

(d) the scheme formulated by the Government to create the required healthcare infrastructure to meet the WHO specified norms of five beds per 1,000 population?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE (SMT. PANABAKA LAKSHMI)

(a) & (b) It is informed that WHO has not specified any norms for health infrastructure. However, the report refers to the Master Plan of Delhi.

(c) 111872 beds are available in the Rural Hospitals & 292813 beds are available in the Urban Hospitals in the country.

(d) `Health` is a State subject and it is ibr the concerned State Government to create the required healthcare infrastructure.